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FOR PRODUCING PULP

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the following remarks.